



Don Hlus
Classical Guitarist | Educator | Career Coach

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own." ~ Benjamin Disraeli

Don Hlus (B. Mus., M.A.) is a classical guitarist, educator, and career coach.

As a soloist, Don has presented concerts throughout Southwestern British Columbia in classical and acoustic fingerstyle styles. His passion for chamber music has also led him to perform with members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Opera Orchestra, the CBC Radio Orchestra, and the Borealis String Quartet.

As an educator, Don was a member of the music faculty at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) from 1993 to 2019 and served as Department Chair from 2012-2018. He was the Director of Guitar from 2003-2019 as well as the Founder & Artistic Director of the Fraser Valley Acoustic Guitar Festival (1998-2019). In addition to working with students in studio lessons, coaching chamber ensembles, and teaching fretboard harmony, Don also taught an introductory course on the Music Industry and an upper-level course on the Business of Music (Career Development & Entrepreneurship). Don is also a member of the Canadian Music Festival Adjudicators' Association and is honoured to work with talented young musicians in advancing their craft. Additionally, he is the owner and operator of the Fort Langley Guitar Studio.

As a career coach, Don is passionate about assisting emerging classical guitarists in building the business side of their music career. He combines his knowledge of business and marketing with his artistic experience to provide talented and determined musicians guidance that honours their artistic endeavours, humanity, and greater purpose. In addition to working one-on-one with up-and-coming classical guitarists, he gives presentations on career development and entrepreneurship to various organizations. Past presentations including the National Music Festival – Federation of Canadian Music Festivals (2022), the University of British Columbia (2021), and the Volterra Project – Summer Guitar Institute (2020 & 2019).

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